THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 12th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—PRIVILEGE MOTION—OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATES.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will remember that the other day the hon. Member Sri B. Ramakrishna Reddi said that he had given notice of a privilege motion. But the hon. Member has worded it in such a way that it looks like an adjournment motion. The motion reads as follows :—

'Many members who were very anxious to participate in the Budget debate were not given an opportunity to do so and thereby the privilege of the hon. Members has been violated. To discuss this important matter which affects the privilege of the members of this House, I request you to allow me to move this adjournment motion'.

" The hon. Member asks for permission to move this adjournment motion. But he calls it a privilege motion. Let me tell hon. Members of this House that on the very face of it, it is not a privilege motion. Nor is it an adjournment motion. Hence I rule the motion out of order."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know by what name we can call the motion ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may call it by any name he likes." (Laughter.)

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Rules re the removal of chappals by the public before entering public offices.

* 71 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is a rule that members of the public wearing chappals should remove them before entering public offices, while those who wear shoes and appear in European costume need not ?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir, there is no such rule."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that certain citizens who have appeared in the Court of the Sub-Registrar in Tellicherry with chappals were refused entry because they were told that the Government had issued orders prohibiting entry of persons with chappals ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry that the hon. Member did not put this in the original question when it would have been answered after enquiry. If the hon. Member has got a particular case in view he could bring it to my notice when it will be looked into."

Representations received from the ex-toddy tappers of Chirakkal taluk.

72 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ex-toddy tappers of Andur and Morazha villages of Chirakkal taluk are refused permits to tap sweet toddy to make jaggery;

(*b*) if so, why; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation on the point from the ex-tappers of the villages or by their organizations and if so, what action was taken on it?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) It was considered that any tapping concession in the locality would go against the successful working of the Prohibition Act.

" (*c*) Representations from the ex-tappers of Andur and Morazha amsams were received in February 1950 and September 1951. The request was refused as Government considered that if the concessions were granted, there was a likelihood of misuse."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" What were the reasons for the Government coming to the conclusion that if these toddy tappers were allowed to tap sweet toddy to make jaggery, they would misuse the concession given to them? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" Government received information from local officers that if permission was given it was likely to be abused."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" On what particular grounds was the permission to tap sweet toddy refused and why was discrimination made here when permission had been given in some other places? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
Because the Government received information from the local officers to that effect."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister has said that he had received information from local officers that if permission was given to tap sweet toddy, it was likely to be abused. May I know whether the Government have got any particular